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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Weather Service and U.S. Geological Survey Host River-Rainfall Joint Summit in St. Louis, Oct. 7-9

Vicksburg, Miss. – Three federal agencies, state representatives and members of the public will gather in St. Louis Oct. 7-9 to discuss several flood events that occurred this year in the Lower and Upper Mississippi River basins.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service and the U.S. Geological Survey will host a River-Rainfall Forecast Summit in St. Louis at the Sheraton St. Louis City Center Hotel at 400 South 14th Street. Topics to be discussed at the summit include what went well with forecasting during the flood events, what did not go well, and forecasting improvements that could be made by the agencies for future floods and low water events. A public meeting will be held in conjunction with the summit on Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the key discussion topics at the public meeting include river gauge data collection, computer modeling, agency responsibilities, lessons learned from a river and rainfall forecasting perspective, and flood forecast communication for communities and individuals along the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The meeting will also allow key stakeholder groups to provide federal and state agency representatives direct feedback regarding how forecasts are used, the effectiveness of the forecasts during both floods and low water events, forecast accuracy needed, and future needs.

Who: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Weather Service and U.S. Geological Survey

What: River-Rainfall Forecast Summit Public Meeting

When: October 8

Where: Sheraton St. Louis City Center Hotel at 400 South 14th Street

Why: Discuss lessons learned from recent flood events and forecasting improvements that could be made by the agencies for future floods and low water events

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